UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST CASCADE RANGER DISTRICT

AREA CLOSURE

Cougar Fire – Version #3
For Public Safety

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following act is prohibited on the lands as described in this order, within the Cascade Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This order will go into effect on **September 26, 2015 at 6:00 A.M.** and shall remain in effect until further notice.

1. Going into or being upon the area (as described in this order). 36 CFR 261.52(e)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this order;
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
- 3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS:

Cougar Fire Area (including all roads and trails within the area) is described as beginning at the Junction of the Warm Lake Highway and National Forest System (NFS) Road #409, located at Township 15 North, Range 6 East, Section 20; continuing Southerly along, but not including, NFS Road #409 to where NFS Road #409 intersects the Western edge of Section 28, Township 15 North, Range 6 East; continuing South approximately 1 ¾ miles along the Western Edge of Section 28 to the Southwest corner of Section 28; continuing East 2 miles along the Southern edge of Section 28 and Section 27 to the Southeast corner of Section 27, Township 15 North, Range 6 East; continuing North 3 miles along the Eastern edge of Section 27, 22, and 15 to the Northeast corner of Section 15, Township 15 North, Range 6; continuing West approximately ¼ mile along the Northern edge of Section 15 to the intersection of the Northern edge of Section 15 and the Warm lake Highway; continuing Southwesterly along, but excluding, the Warm Lake Highway back to the point of origin.

The above described area (including all roads and trails within the area) is located on National Forest System lands within the administrative and proclaimed boundaries of the Cascade Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Valley County, Idaho, Boise Meridian.

PURPOSE:

The area as described above has ongoing wildfire activity (Cougar Fire). This area (including all roads and trails within the area) is closed to all public access for public safety and protection from hazards associated with wildfire.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. This order will go into effect on **September 26, 2015 at 6:00 A.M.** and shall remain in effect until further notice.
- 2. A map identifying the closure is attached and made part of this order.
- 3. Violation of the above prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. 16 U.S.C. §551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3571(b)(6), 3581 (b)(7).
- 4. This order supersedes any previous order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts prohibited by this order on the roads and trails covered by this order.
- 5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Cascade Ranger District Office, Cascade, ID, telephone number 208-382-7400, and at the Boise National Forest Supervisor's Office, Boise, ID, telephone number 208-373-4007.

Done at Boise, Idaho this _25th day of September, 2015.

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